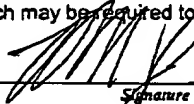
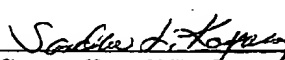


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> (Small Entity)		Docket No. <b>16850-00007</b>
In Re Application Of: <b>Fisk et al.</b>		
Serial No. <b>09/977,422</b>	Filing Date <b>October 15, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Hylton, Robin A.</b>
		Group Art Unit <b>3727</b>
Invention:  <b>IMPROVED SPECIMEN CONTAINER</b>		
<u><b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></u>		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u><b>November 7, 2002</b></u> in the above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>		
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u><b>February 7, 2002</b></u> until: <u><b>May 7, 2003</b></u> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>		
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.		
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$465</b> and is to be paid as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>50-1582</b> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>50-1582</b> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.		
 _____ <i>Signature</i>		Dated: <b>May 7, 2003</b>
<b>Brian M. Dingman, Esq.</b> <b>Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie &amp; Lougee, LLP</b> <b>1700 West Park Drive</b> <b>Westborough, MA 01581-3941</b> <b>Tel.: 508-898-1501</b> <b>Fax: 508-898-1502</b>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <b>May 7, 2003</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sandra L. Kopacz</b>  <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></p> </div>		